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HALL OF JUSTICE LEARNING CENTER RECEIVES 2003 QUEST FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD FROM MICHIGAN MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION

LANSING, MI, October 10, 2003 – The Michigan Hall of Justice Learning Center is one of eight recipients of the Michigan Museums Association (MMA) 2003 Quest for Excellence Awards. The awards are given in recognition of exceptional programs, graphic projects and professional activities of Michigan museums. Presentation of the awards was made at the MMA 2003 Annual Conference held in Marquette, Michigan.

“This is a great honor for everyone involved with the Learning Center – exhibit designers, staff and volunteers,” said Learning Center Coordinator Vicky Kruckeberg. “The Michigan Supreme Court had the vision to set aside a substantial part of the Hall of Justice for a public learning facility. This award underscores that vision and recognizes that Michigan has a unique resource in the Learning Center.”

MMA Director Teresa Goforth said that “this year’s nominations were magnificent and made the work of the judges very difficult. These eight awards illustrate readily why Michigan’s museums are some of the best and brightest in the United States.” The non-profit Michigan Museums Association is a community of individuals and institutions organized to further the work of Michigan museums.

The Hall of Justice Learning Center is a 3,800 square foot interpretive gallery designed to educate visitors about the Michigan justice system and its impact on people’s lives. Each year, thousands of Michigan students visit Lansing to learn about state government. The Hall of Justice Learning Center provides a unique educational experience about Michigan’s judicial branch.

The Center provides information about how the court system operates and gives examples of important court decisions. Through stories of actual cases, the Center also demonstrates how laws and court decisions affect Michigan residents. Video, computer programs, photographs, text and hands-on activities encourage the visitor to answer questions, explore information and role-play. The Center was designed with input from educators, legal experts, museum professionals, and other content specialists.

The Learning Center is open from Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is closed on weekends and national holidays. Trained docents lead tour groups through the gallery. A tour is one hour long; group size is limited to 45 people. Reservations are required for groups of eight or more to assure the availability of docents. Walk-in visitors with smaller groups are welcome. There is no admission fee. For more information, or to make tour reservations, call 517-373-3449 or 517-373-5027.

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